

**Public Health Updates 10/31/2003**  
**Utah Department of Health**  
**Office of Epidemiology**

**1. Influenza Surveillance:**

There have been 4 laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza reported. All have been pediatric Salt Lake County residents with type A influenza.

During the week ending October 25, Utah sentinel physicians reported influenza-like illness in 3.32% of their patients.

National influenza data can be viewed at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm>

**2. Meningococcal Disease:**

Type Y meningococcal infection was reported in a 5-year-old Davis County resident. Prior to illness, the child attended a daycare center. Several contacts were treated and there were no secondary cases. The child is recovering.

Because immediate public health response is required to control the spread of this disease, please report suspected cases of meningococcal disease immediately (before lab testing) to your local health department or the Utah Department of Health.

**3. Syphilis Increase:**

An increase of syphilis cases being seen on the Navajo Reservation has now reached the area of the reservation in Southeastern Utah. Three cases of early syphilis have been diagnosed in people living in the Montezuma Creek area in the past month. There have been five since May 2003. Training on syphilis diagnosis and treatment will be held on November 12th, 8 a.m., at Blanding Family Practice, and at 12 p.m., at the Montezuma Creek Clinic. Please direct any questions to the STD Control Program, 801-538-6171.

**4. Clinical Detection of SARS:**

An 8 x 10 inch poster on Clinical Detection of SARS has been developed for clinicians and facilities. These posters are available through your local health department or by calling UDOH at 801.538.6191.

**5. Diagnosis and Management of Acute Pharyngitis in Children**

This is a free continuing medical education course (with 1 hour category 1 credit) developed by the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare. You can register to take the on-line course at [www.eventstreams.com/caqh/cme\\_001](http://www.eventstreams.com/caqh/cme_001)

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Call your local health department or  
1.888.EPI.UTAH (374.8824)